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IMPORTATION OF SNAKES INTO HAWAII.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 29, 1905.*

Under the provisions of section 1 of the act of Congress approved May 25, 1905, entitled "An act to enlarge the powers of the Department of Agriculture, prohibit the transportation by interstate commerce of game killed in violation of local laws, and for other purposes," the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to regulate the introduction of birds and animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed, and to make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of the act.

In accordance with the authority thus conferred, and for the purpose of preventing the introduction of snakes into the Territory of Hawaii, the order issued under date of May 22, 1902 (Circular No. 36, Biological Survey), is hereby amended so that on and after August 1, 1905, and until further notice, no permits shall be issued for the entry of snakes of any kind at any port of the Hawaiian Islands.

Shipments of snakes presented for entry will be immediately destroyed or returned to the port from which exported at the expense of the owner or agent.

James Wilson

Secretary.

